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THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1897.

The call issued by Dr. A H Williams published in last week's County Record should meet with hearty favor among cotton-planters. We hope that the meeting in the court house next Monday will be largely attended.

Edmund H Deas, colored of Darlington, has been appointed by E A Webster, the new collector of internal revenue, deputy collector for the second district, which comprises the counties of Chester, Chesterfield, Cherokee, Clarendon, Darlington, Florence, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg and York.

There has been thirteen homicides in Sumter county since Jan. 1, 1897, and this is said to be the largest number recorded in any county in the State during the same period. This is certainly a bad record, and one that no county desires.

Only two homicides are recorded in Williamsburg county this year—the two Italians who were killed near Salters last May—and the murderers have never been found.

In a long interview published in the daily papers of last Thursday, Governor Ellerbe outlined his plan of campaign for re-election next year. He confined himself to the dispensary law, almost entirely. His entire interview is published in another column, but here is an extract, which pretty well covers the entire thing.

The most difficult problem that confronts us to-day is that of the liquor traffic. The dispensary, I think, is the best solution of the question, but as the Courts have decided that the dispensary is not a police regulation I am in favor of amending the dispensary law, so as to make it a police regulation by eliminating the profit feature, and, if necessary, not to sell it as a beverage, but only for medicinal and sacramental purposes. Those who advocate high license have surely not read carefully the decision of the Court for in the case of Scott vs Donal the Court advances the views that the State could prohibit, they could inspect, but could do no more. If the dispensary is not a police regulation, and the State cannot control the liquor under the dispensary law, it certainly cannot do so under high license. Besides, under a high license system it would in a few months degenerate into the open bar room. As a rule, men who would buy a license to sell whiskey would have no moral character and would be altogether irresponsible and perfectly indifferent to the welfare of the State and of the people. Their only object would be to make money, and the constitutional restrictions would be disregarded. This liquor fight is not a factional issue. It is a fight between the moral elements of our people and the liquor men.

I propose to go before the people on my record, and if necessary, to advocate the policy just outlined. Some of my enemies have said I might be re-elected because of the unwritten law to give a governor two terms. I want it understood that no one need keep out of the race on this account, and I would not have it as a mere matter of precedent if my efforts did not warrant an endorsement. If I cannot refute the numerous charges that have been

made against me and I cannot show to the people that I have honestly and faithfully tried to discharge the duties of the office I do not care to be re-elected. Some people may think it is a very fine thing to be governor, but there are other things I value more highly, and before I would sacrifice my manliness or any principle I would be defeated a thousand times. While I like to please, I had rather have the consciousness of having done my duty than the applause of the world."

State Superintendent of Education Mayfield has published his annual report of school statistics for this year. The report shows a total enrollment of 258,183, against 232,337 in 1896. The enrollment for this year shows 119,027 whites and 139,156 colored—the negroes having 20,129 more children attending the schools than the whites. The number of males is 128,517; that of females, 129,666—a difference of 1,149 in favor of the girls.

The following is a comparative statement of the enrollment of the enrollment—

1893	223,150
1894	226,766
1895	223,021
1896	232,337
1897	258,183

There has been a marked increase in the attendance. The comparison shows:

1896	1897.
White enrolment 109,159	110,027
Colored enrolment 123,178	139,156

Note: These figures show, however, that while the attendance of white children has increased 9,878, the attendance of colored children has increased 15,969, and while the percentage of increase of whites is about 9 per cent. Last year there were 14,000 more colored children at public schools than white children. This year the attendance of colored children is 20,000 more than that of whites.

Williamsburg has 6,271 pupils enrolled this year. The enrollment last year was 5,189, being 1,082 less than this year's enrollment. This shows up well for the county.

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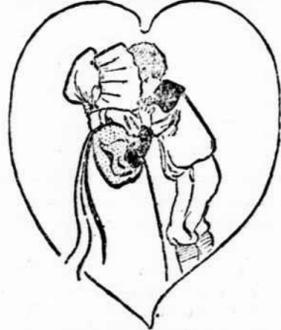
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